Subject No. 161.

Transfer of entire Mohatarfa to Municipal Funds.

Summary of discussion.—Municipal Funds should not be spent on, or otherwise appropriated for, other than strictly Municipal purposes. At present half the Mohatarfa revenue is credited to Provincial Funds to the detriment of local requirements for lights, roads and good drinking water. Why not transfer the entire Mohatarfa to the Municipalities? A rich Government can afford to do this.

Dewan's reply.—Before Municipalities were established, Mohatarfa house-tax used to be levied only on non-agriculturists and all Mohatarfa was State Revenue. When Municipalities were established, all houses without exemption on the score of their owners being agriculturists were assessed with house-tax and Government transferred the collection of the Mohatarfa to the respective Municipalities on the condition that half of the gross receipts were credited to Provincial Funds. By this arrangement, Municipalities have gained and the State has lost a part of its former Mohatarfa Revenue. Proposals to transfer the entire Mohatarfa to Municipalities have received and will continue to receive due consideration when legitimate Municipal wants cannot otherwise be met.

Subject No. 162.

Compulsory Vaccination Act not required.

164. *Summary of discussion.*—We do not want a Compulsory Vaccination Law.

Note.—Mr. Nanjundashastri, Representative from the Rate Payers' Association at Bangalore, spoke also to the same effect.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 163.

Cash remuneration to Totis and Talawars by Government in lieu of Mirasi by raiyats.

Summary of discussion.—Totis and Talawars should be remunerated by Government by cash payments as Patels and Shanbhogs are. The rules for payment to them of Mirasi by raiyats should be abolished.

Dewan's reply.—Impossible. They have land emoluments from Government for the service which they render to Government. They serve raiyats also and Mirasi is just and has been paid without murmur from time immemorial. Compare on this subject the representations from the Shimoga and Hassan Districts. (Subject Nos. 56 and 131 *supra*).

Subject No. 164.

Village Munsiffs required.

Summary of discussion.—The institution of Village Munsiffs should be established in this Province as it has been in the Madras Presidency.

Dewan's reply.—It is doubtful whether the time has come for this measure in its entirety. The question is, can our Patels, as a rule, be entrusted with these functions?

Subject No. 165.

Right to Honge, &c., trees grown at private cost on Kodagi tank bunds and in private topes.

Summary of discussion.—Right in Honge and other trees grown at private cost on bunds of Kodagi and private enterprise tanks should vest in the grower, as also that of trees in private topes.